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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2003. Applicants request a three-month extension of time for responding and attach the appropriate fee. Thus, as response filed on or before January 2, 2004 is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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